

# UNITED STATES

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(1) TITLE OF  
INVENTION

(1)

ASSEMBLY COMPRISING A RING FOR ATTACHMENT IN A PASSAGE SURROUNDED BY BODY  
TISSUE AS WELL AS AN APPLICATOR FOR FITTING THE RING IN THE PASSAGE

the specification of which

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☐ is attached hereto.

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was filed on March 29, 2005 as Application No. 10/594,363

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).



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